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Letter dated 7 January 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, as Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, to enclose herewith the text of a statement of the Committee on Palestine of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the deportation of Palestinian civilians from the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, adopted by the Committee on 6 January 1993 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 30 and 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nugroho WISNUMURTI
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Statement adopted on 6 January 1993 by the Committee on Palestine of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the deportation of Palestinian civilians from the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem

The Committee on Palestine of the Non-Aligned Movement met in New York on 6 January 1993 to consider the dangerous situation that has developed as a result of Israel's mass deportation, on 17 December 1992, of over four hundred Palestinian civilians from the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and as a result of the Israeli government's failure to implement Security Council resolution 799 (1992). The Committee strongly condemned the deportations, which constitute a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949. Such actions also undermine the peace process currently underway.

The Committee on Palestine expressed appreciation for the adoption of resolution 799 and support for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in this regard. The Committee welcomed the Secretary-General's letter to the President of the Security Council dated 3 January 1993 and agreed fully with his observations, especially with regard to possible further steps to be taken by the Security Council. The Committee condemned the Israeli government for its failure to comply with resolution 799, which demanded that Israel, the occupying Power, ensure the safe and immediate return to the occupied territories of all those deported. The Committee observed that in view of the extreme suffering and harsh conditions of the deportees, urgent action should be taken by the international community to implement resolution 799, and thereby bring to an end this unconscionable situation.

The Committee decided to remain seized of the matter and to closely follow any developments in this regard, including the impending report of the Secretary-General and subsequent actions by the Security Council. The Committee recalled the obligations of member states, under Article 25 of the United Nations Charter, and called for action by the Security Council, under Chapter VII of the Charter, invoking articles 39 and 41, in order to compel the Israeli government to ensure the immediate and safe return of all Palestinian deportees and to desist from repeating such illegal acts in the future.